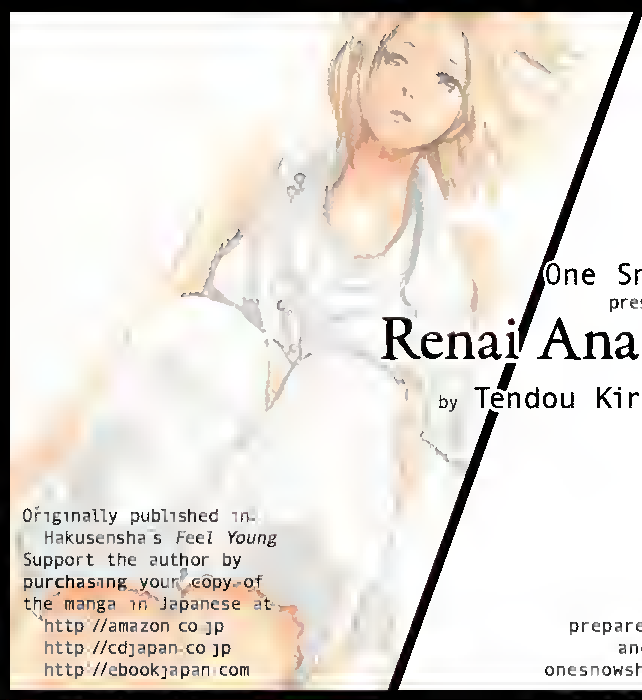

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Chapter 4

A year ago now,
I landed a contract job
At a small accessories design company.
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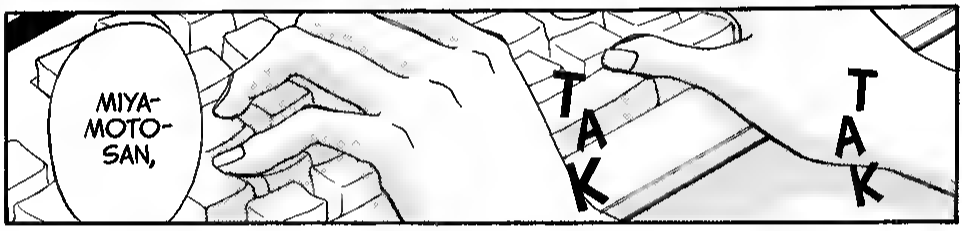
TAK


MIYA-MOTO-SAN,
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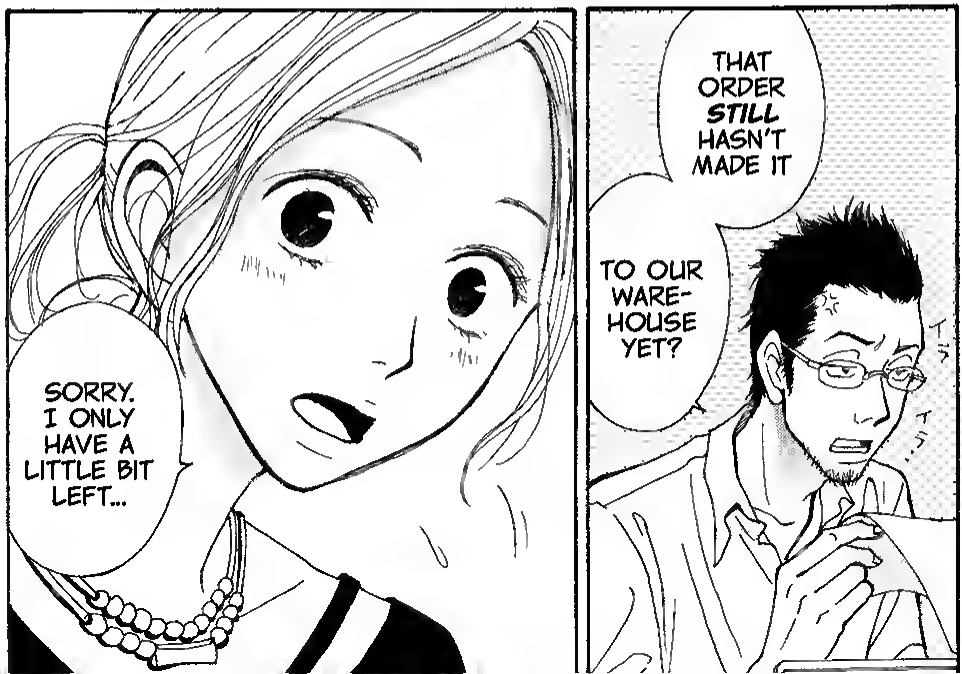
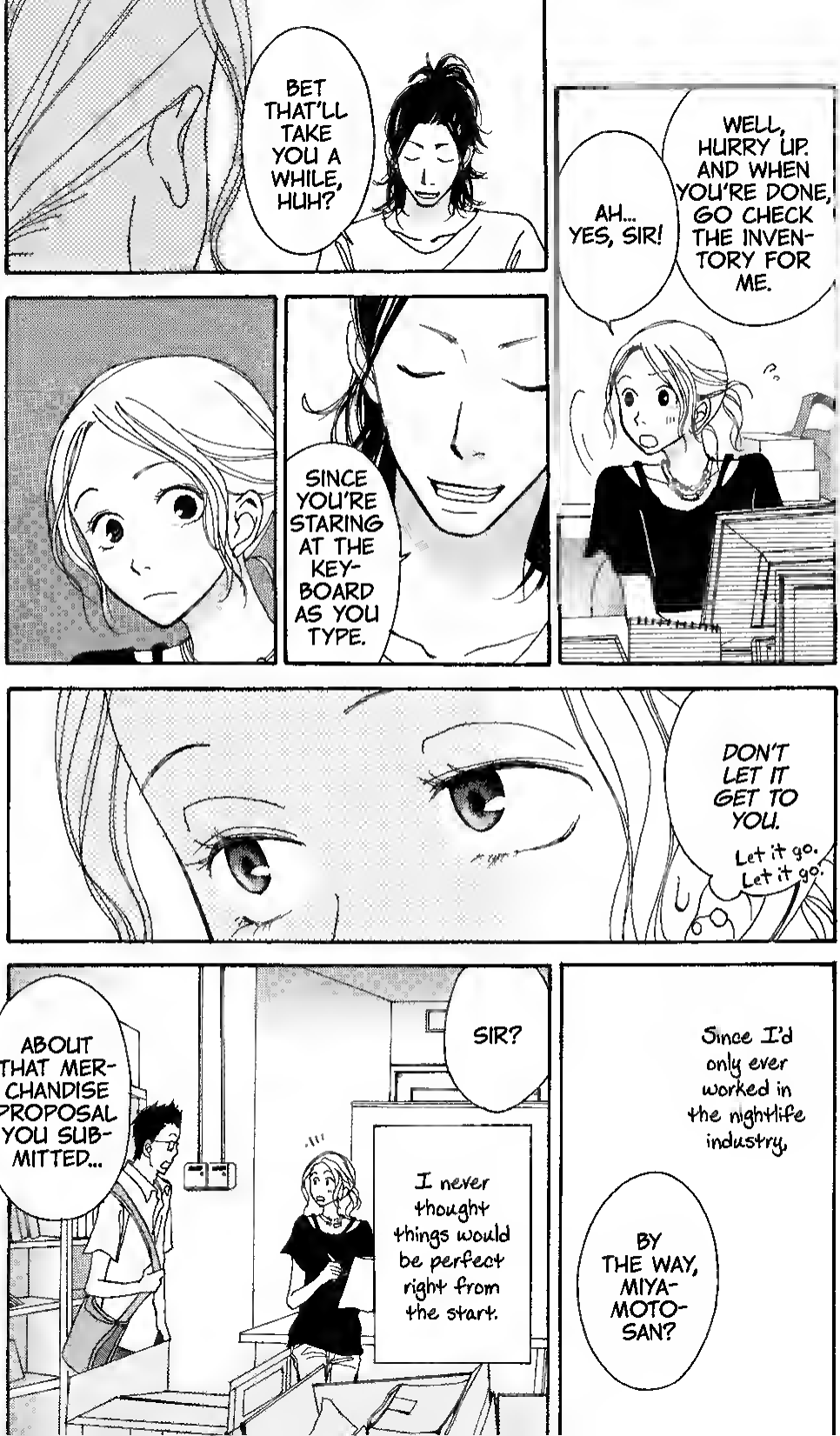
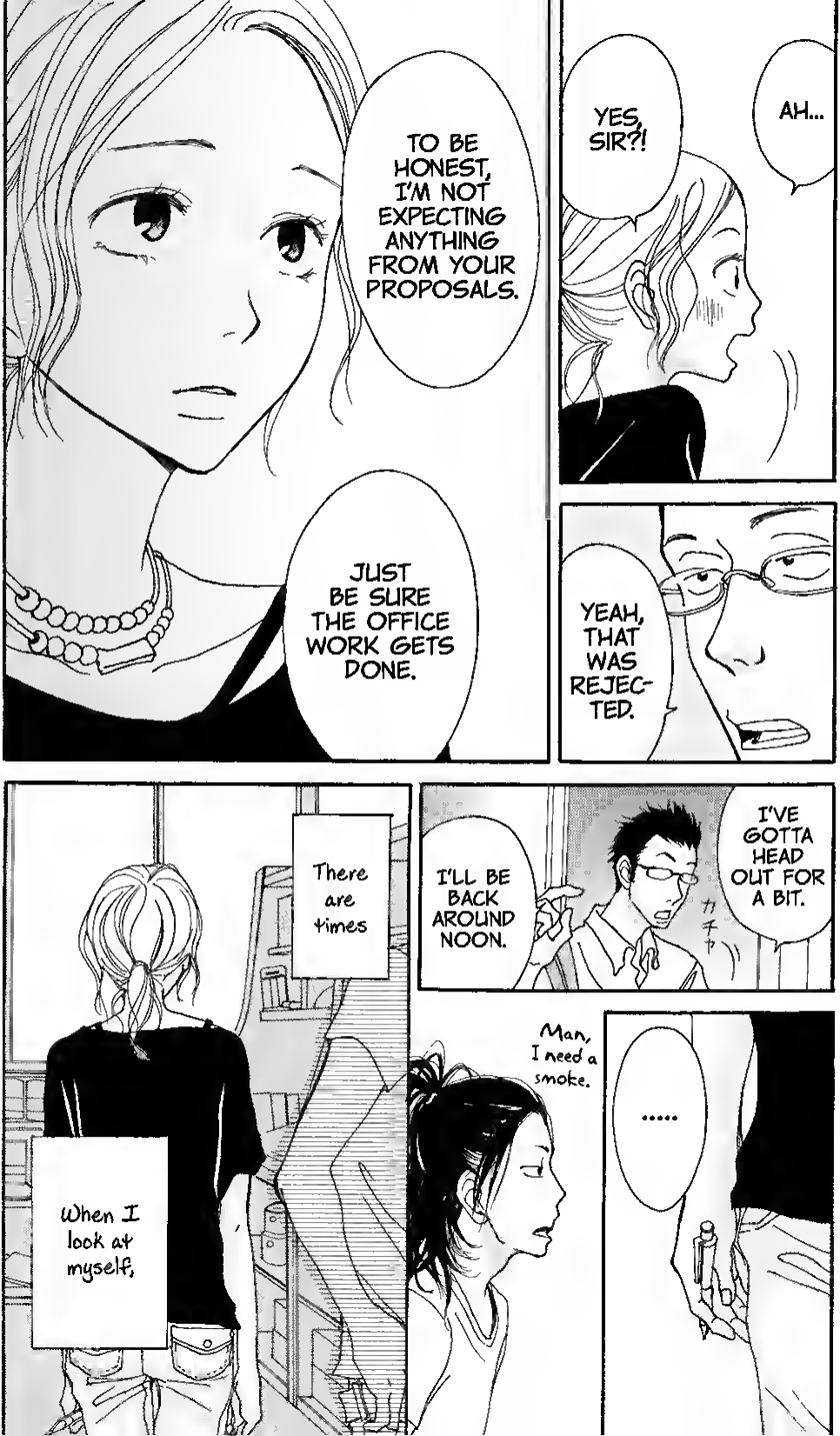

THAT ORDER STILL HASN'T MADE IT TO OUR WARE-HOUSE YET?
SORRY. I ONLY HAVE A LITTLE BIT LEFT...


BET THAT'LL TAKE YOU A WHILE, HUH?
WELL, HURRY UP. AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE, GO CHECK THE INVENTORY FOR ME.
AH... YES, SIR!
SINCE YOU'RE STARING AT THE KEYBOARD AS YOU TYPE.
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
Let it go. Let it go.
Since I'd only ever worked in the nightlife industry,
BY THE WAY, MIYAMOTO-SAN?
I never thought things would be perfect right from the start.
SIR?
ABOUT THAT MERCHANDISE PROPOSAL YOU SUBMITTED...


TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT EXPECTING ANYTHING FROM YOUR PROPOSALS.
JUST BE SURE THE OFFICE WORK GETS DONE.
AH...
YES, SIR?!
YEAH, THAT WAS REJEC-TED.
I'VE GOTTA HEAD OUT FOR A BIT.
カチャ
I'LL BE BACK AROUND NOON.
There are times
When I look at myself,
Man, I need a smoke.
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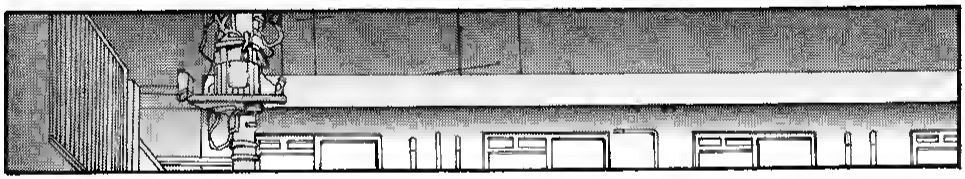
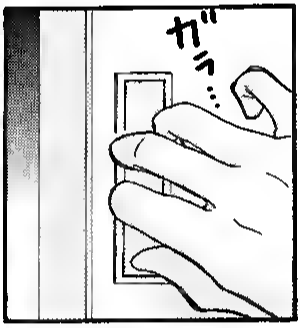
Now past 25,
with no plans for
the future,
And I resent
her terribly.



"I can't
see myself
ever getting
married."
"I'm
sorry."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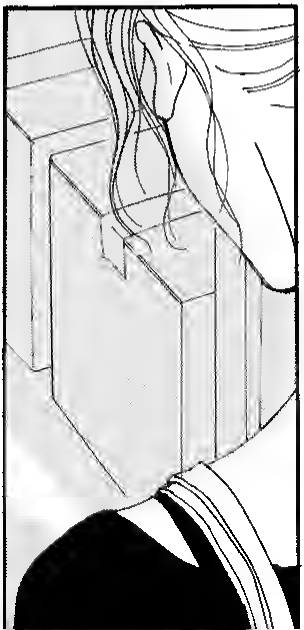
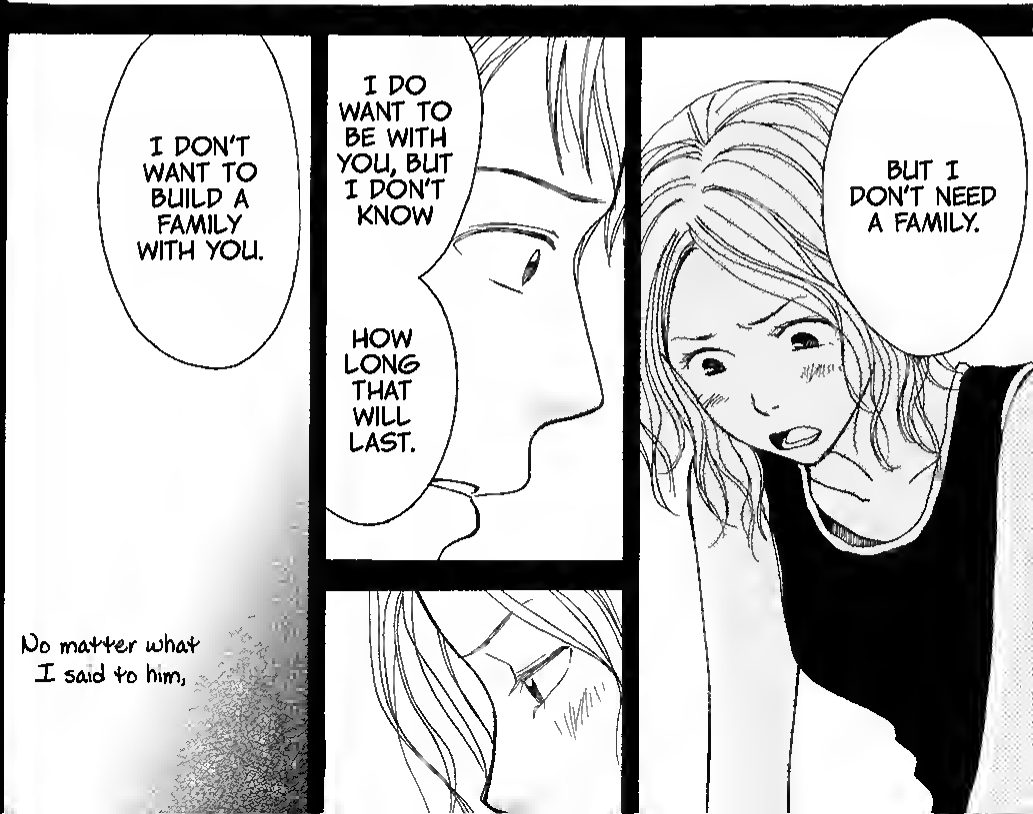


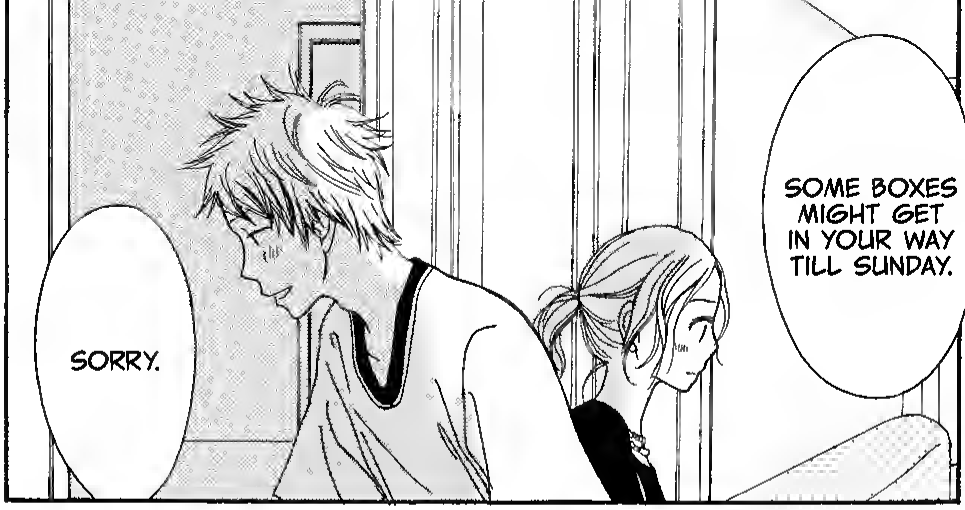
I'LL NEVER, EVER HURT YOU OR ANYTHING!
I... I'LL DO MY BEST AND WORK REAL HARD!
SO THAT'S WHY...
EVEN IF WE KEEP THIS UP, KOTAROU...
I'M SORRY.
THAT'S NOT IT...

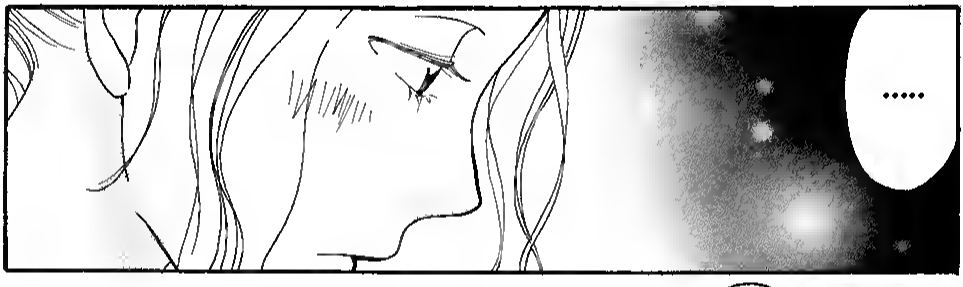
I WANT TO BUILD
A FAMILY WITH YOU...
WE'D HAVE A FEW KIDS,
AND GROW OLD TO-GETHER,
AND LIVE A QUIET, HAPPY LIF...
STOP.

YOU GREW UP IN AN ORPHANAGE, KOTAROU.
SO YOU'VE ALWAYS LONGED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.


BUT I DON'T NEED A FAMILY.
I DO WANT TO BE WITH YOU, BUT I DON'T KNOW
HOW LONG THAT WILL LAST.
I DON'T WANT TO BUILD A FAMILY WITH YOU.
No matter what I said to him,

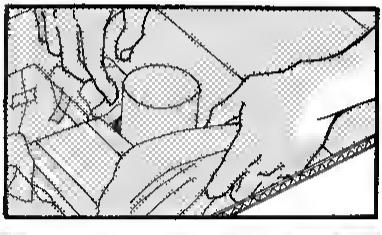
I was certain Kotarou,
if only Kotarou,
Would always stay
by my side.
Until
that
day.
.....
Until that
moment.
WELCOME
HOME.
YOU'RE
HERE.
I AM...
I'LL BE
LEAVING
THIS CITY.
I
SUBMIT-
TED THE
PAPER-
WORK
TODAY.

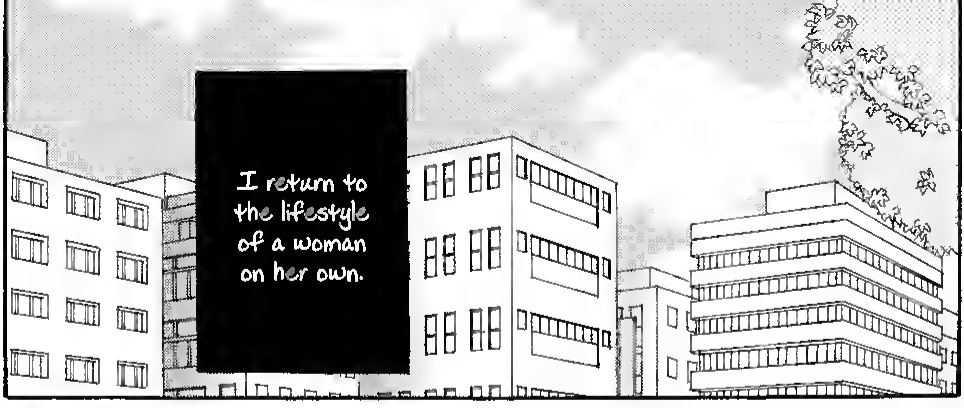


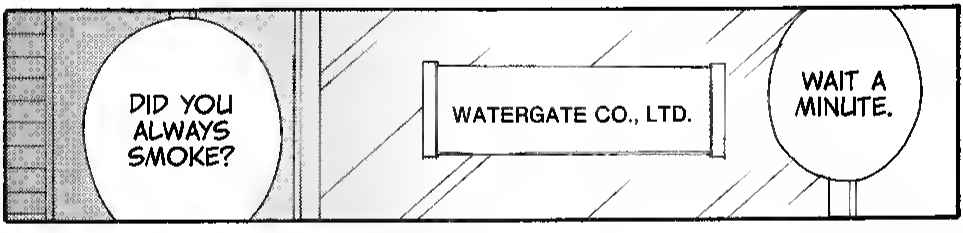


I first met him four years ago.

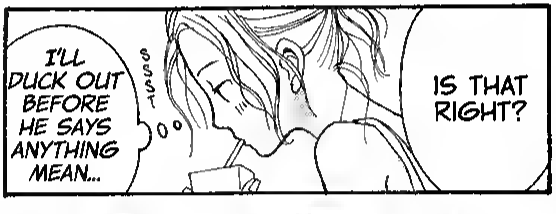
...OKAY.

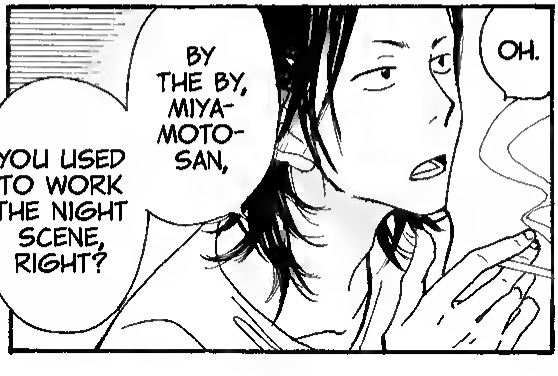


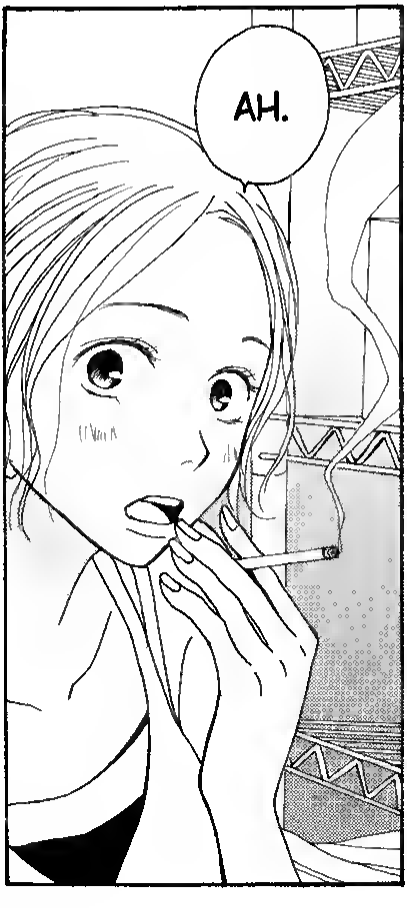

I return to the lifestyle of a woman on her own.


DID YOU ALWAYS SMOKE?
WATERGATE CO., LTD.
WAIT A MINUTE.

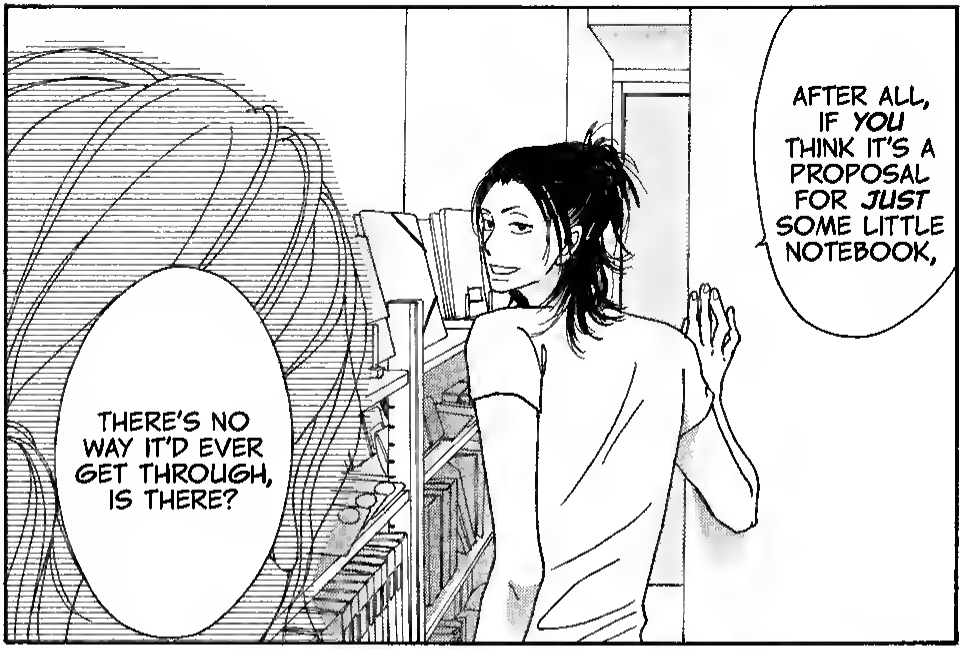
I JUST PICKED IT UP.
PSHT..
NOPE. NUH-UHH.

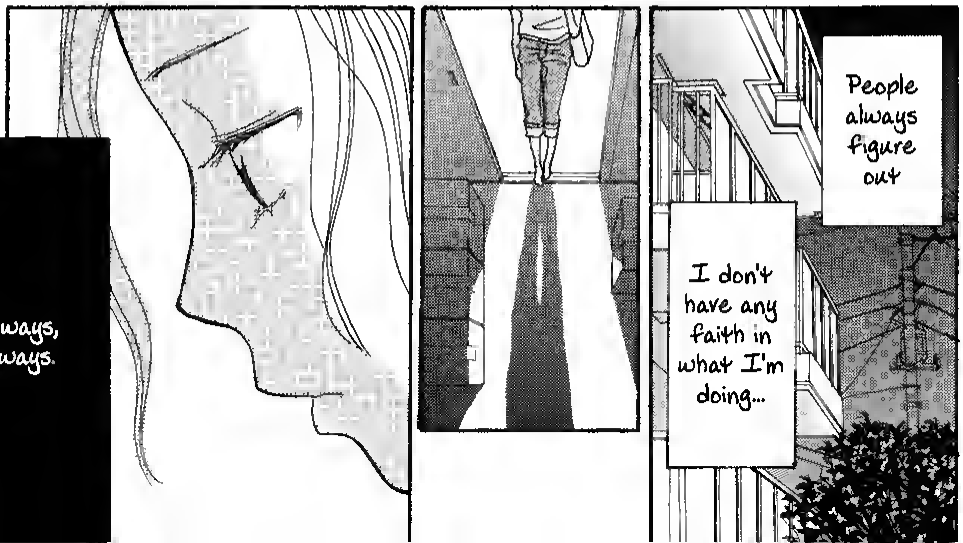

I'LL DUCK OUT BEFORE HE SAYS ANYTHING MEAN...
IS THAT RIGHT?


YOU USED TO WORK THE NIGHT SCENE, RIGHT?
BY THE BY, MIYA-MOTO-SAN,
OH.

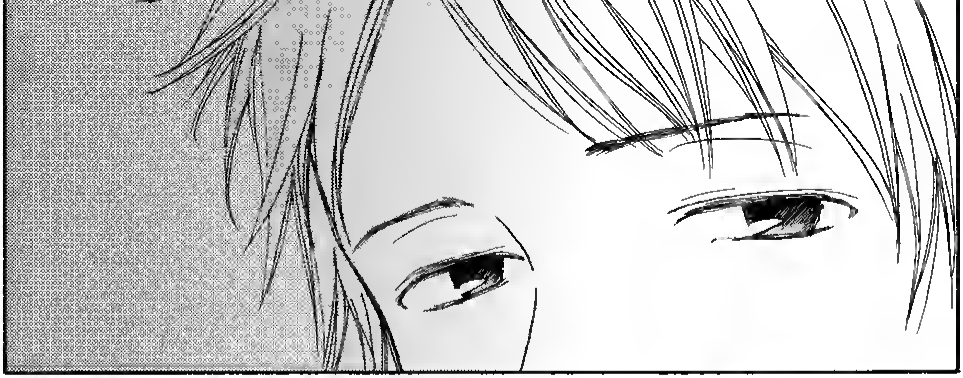

AH.

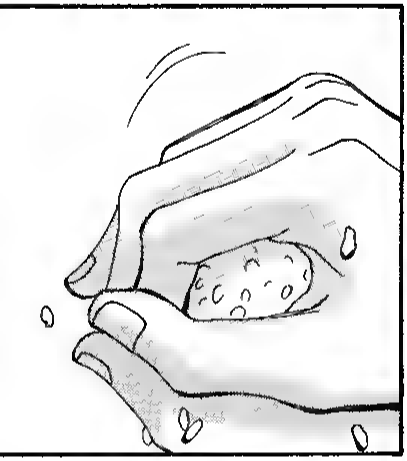
NO WAY!
I WAS JUST A COUNTER GIRL!
DID YOU HAPPEN TO PUT QUITE A BIT AWAY?
YEAH, WELL...
I JUST GOT PAID HOURLY...
JUST, HUH?
clatter...
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?
?
YOUR NEXT NOTEBOOK PROPOSAL EITHER.
I BET THEY WON'T ADOPT


AFTER ALL, IF YOU THINK IT'S A PROPOSAL FOR JUST SOME LITTLE NOTEBOOK,
THERE'S NO WAY IT'D EVER GET THROUGH, IS THERE?

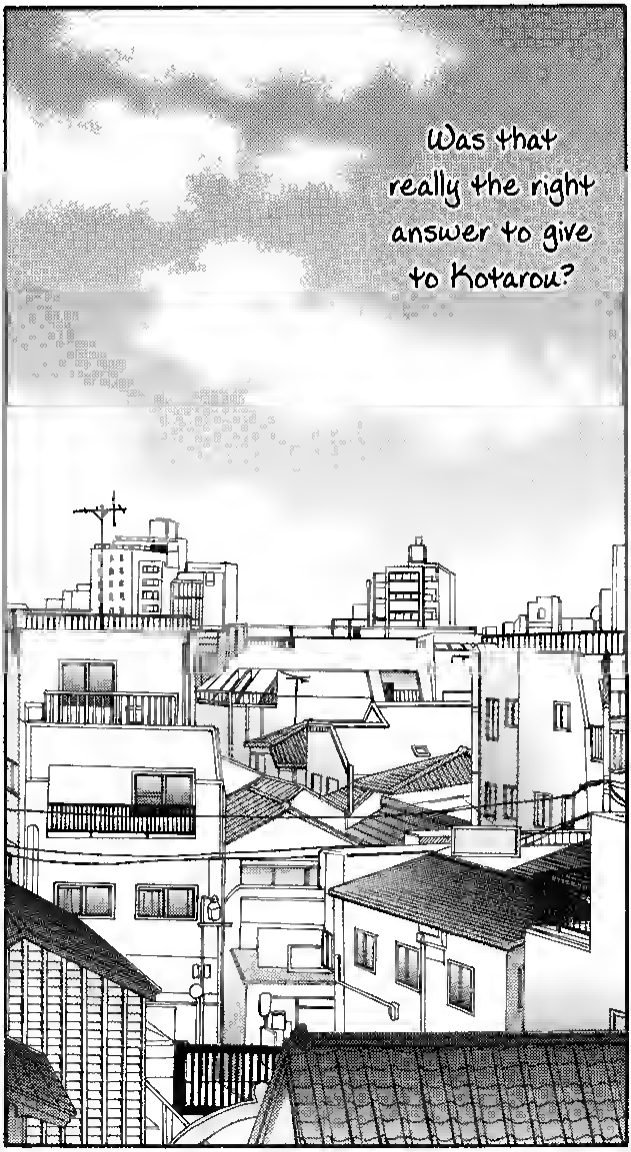

People always figure out
I don't have any faith in what I'm doing...
Always, always.

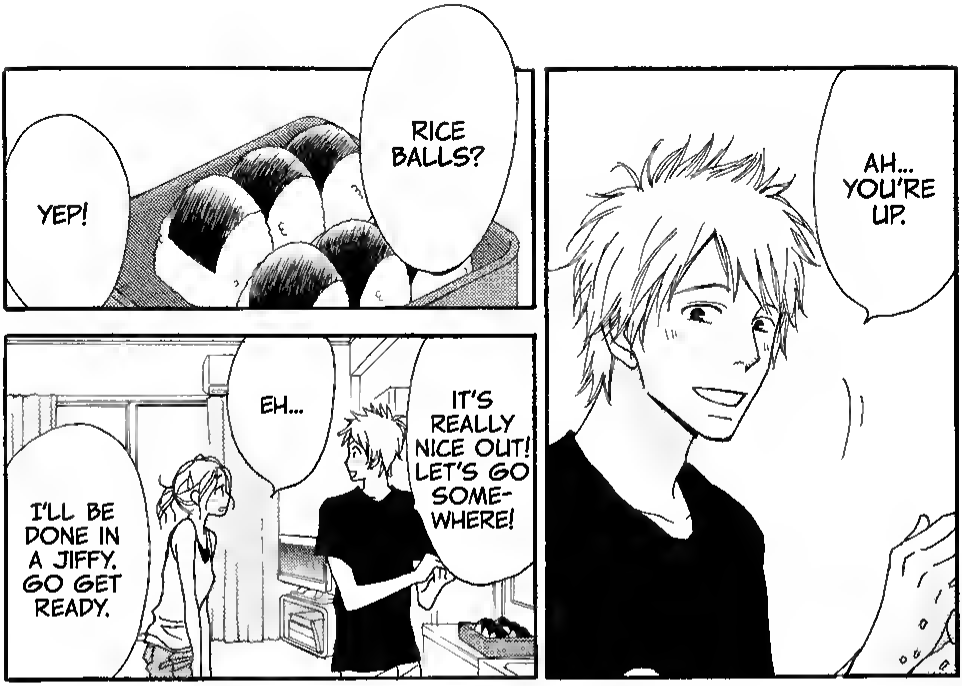
I don't have any confidence in it.
Even when it's a choice I've made of my own free will,
.....
And right now,
I'm truly lost.

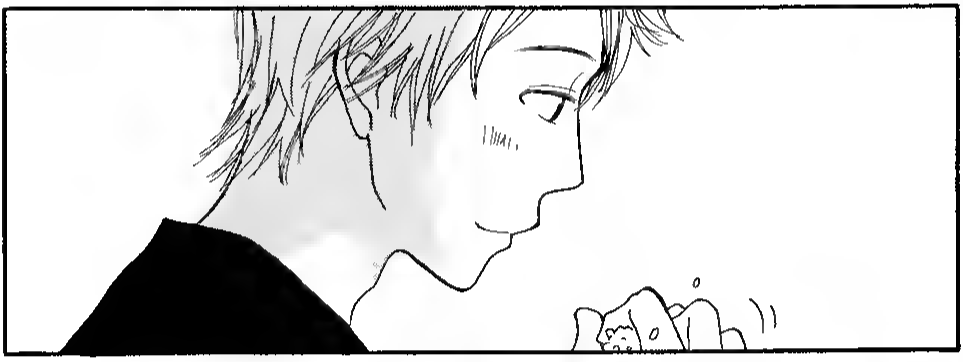


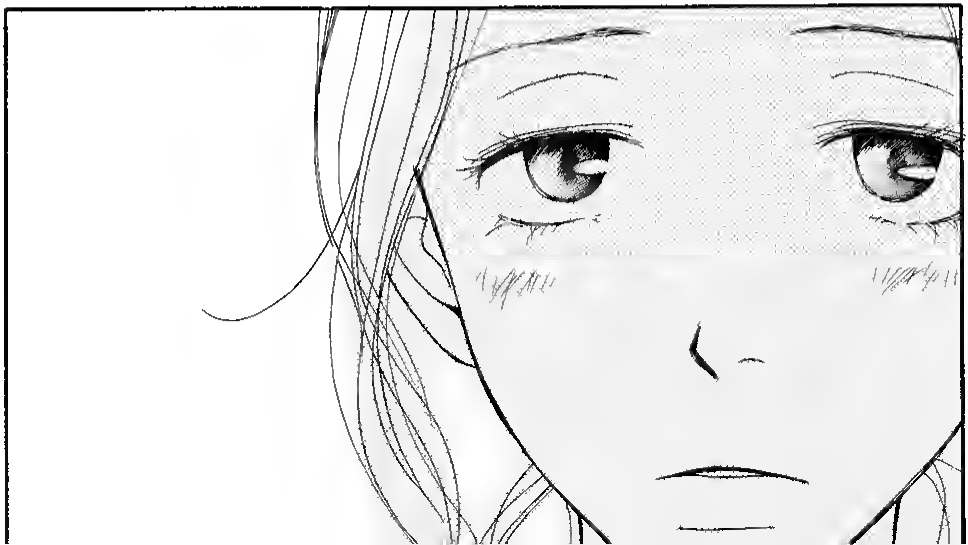


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

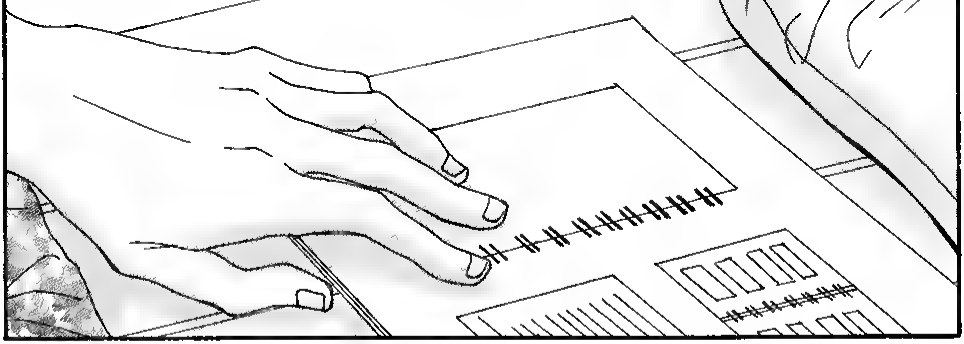

Was that really the right answer to give to Kotarou?


RICE BALLS?
YEP!
AH... YOU'RE UP.
EH...
IT'S REALLY NICE OUT! LET'S GO SOME-WHERE!
I'LL BE DONE IN A JIFFY. GO GET READY.





He smiles with all his might for me.
I...
A smile as warm and bright as the sun.
Truly did
Love Kotarou so very much.
SATSUKI-CHAN, HERE.



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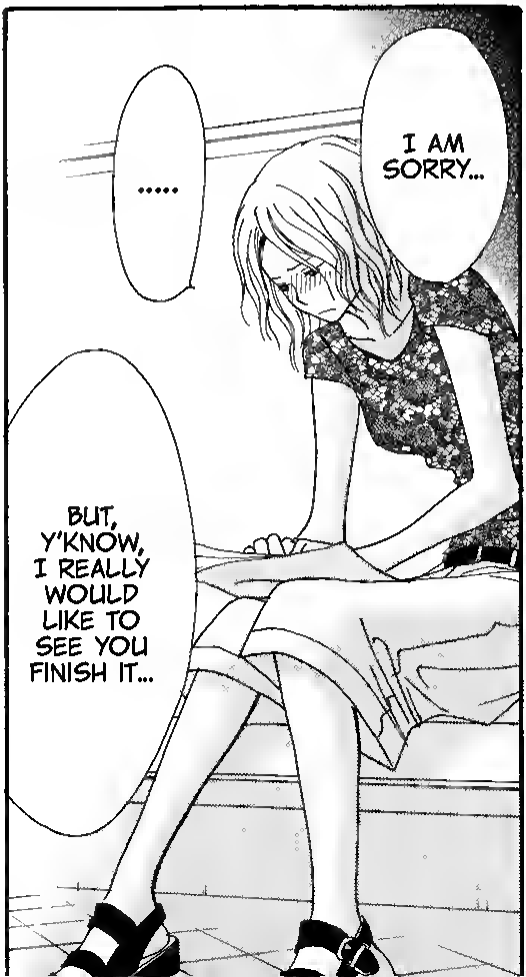
SORRY.
I FOUND IT IN THE GARBAGE.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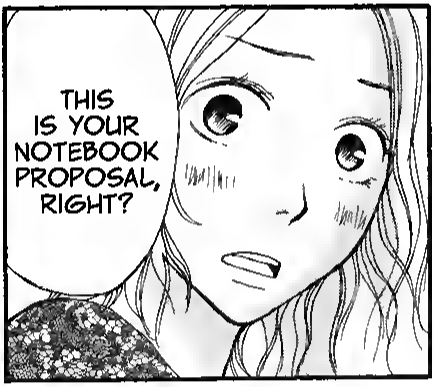
I AM SORRY...
BUT, Y'KNOW, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU FINISH IT...


THIS IS YOUR NOTEBOOK PROPOSAL, RIGHT?

DON'T JUST GO THROUGH MY SHIT!
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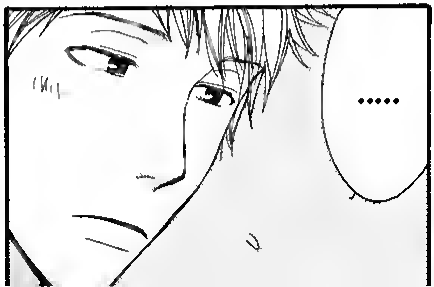
GOD!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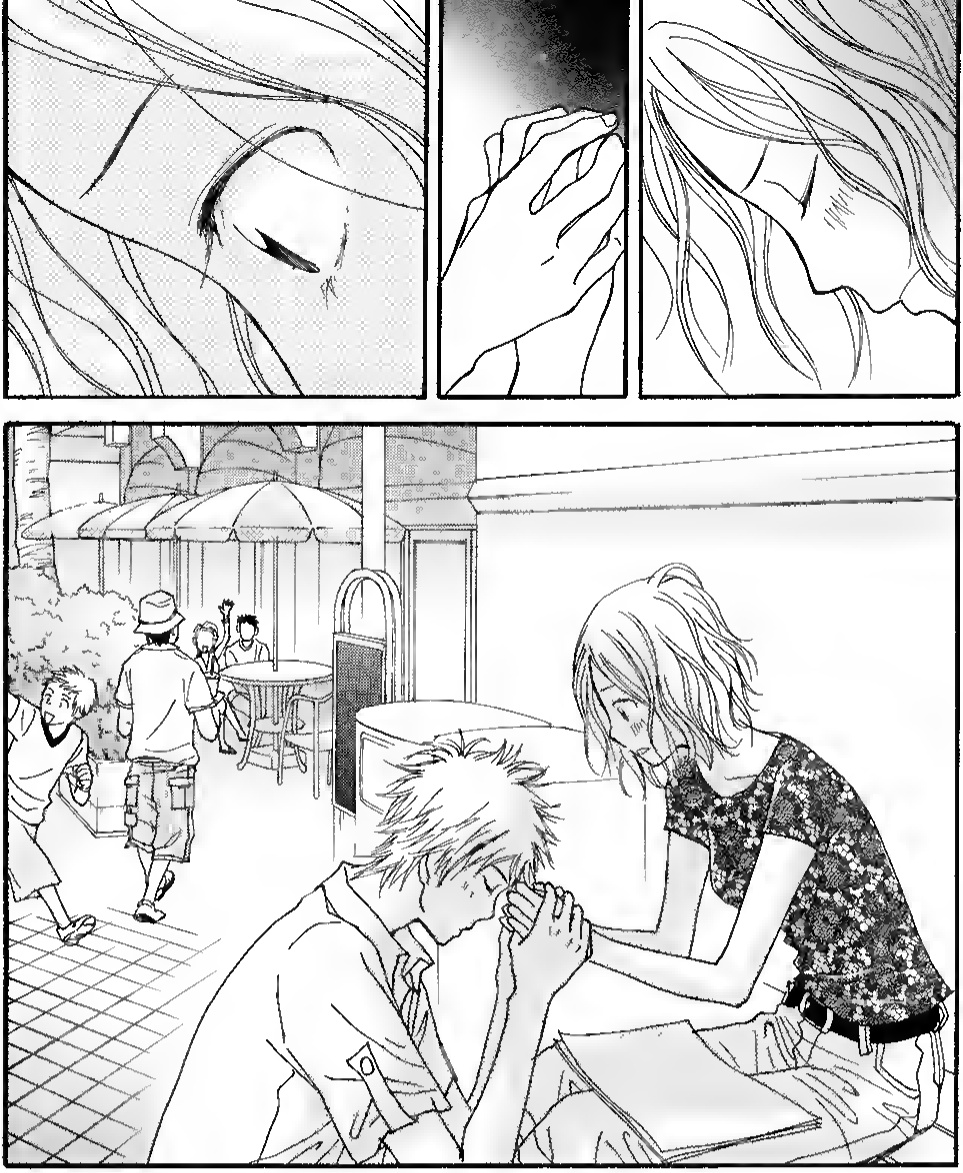
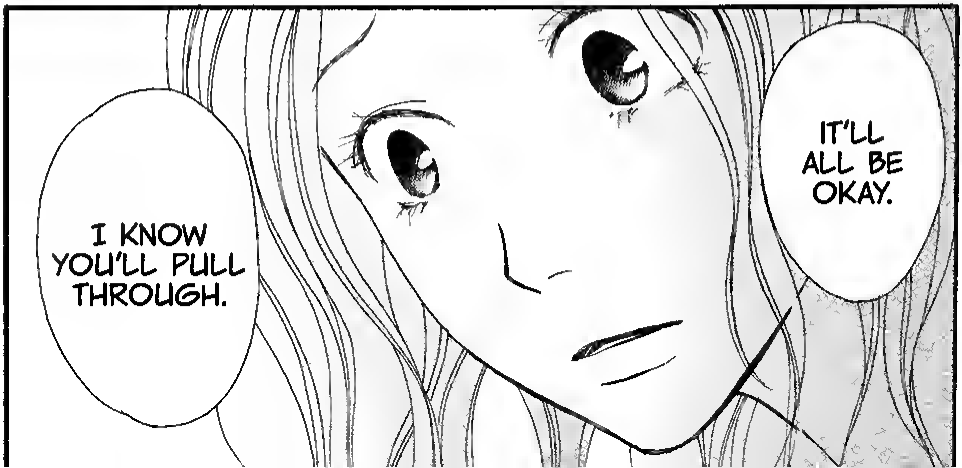
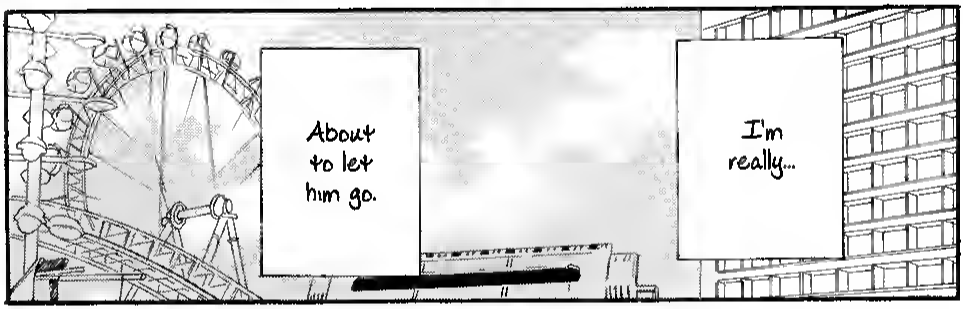
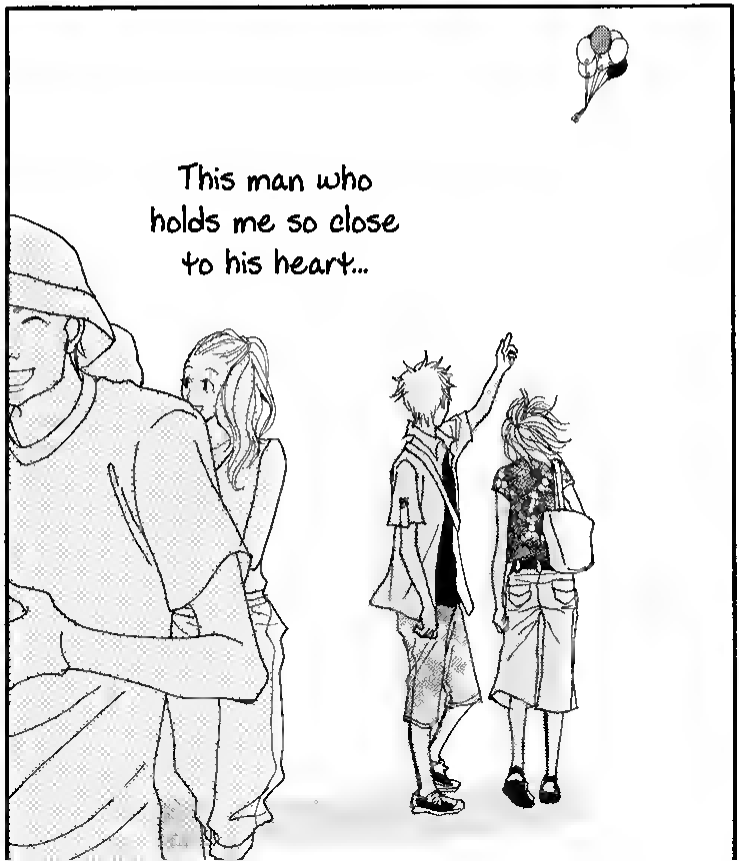


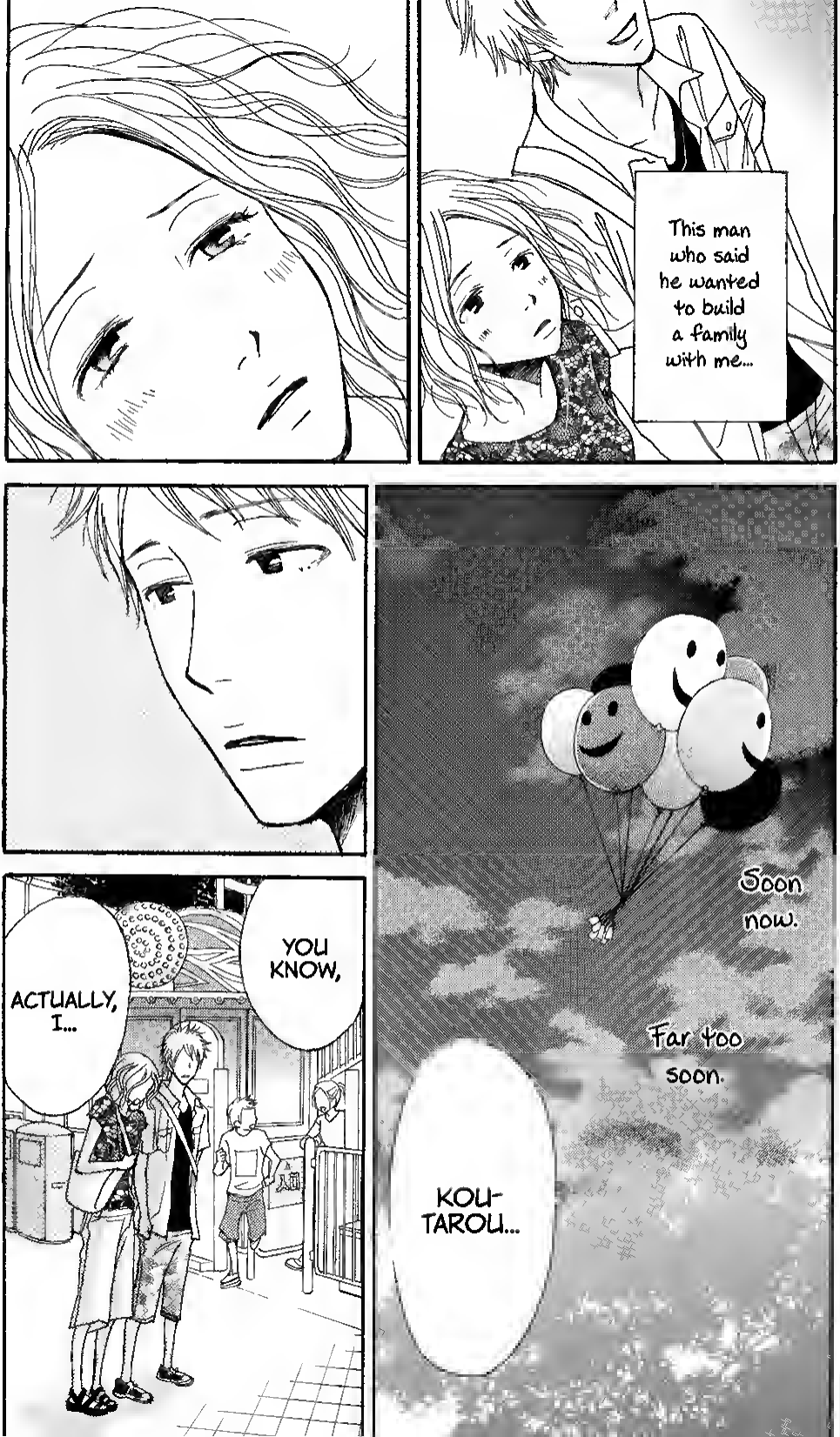

I KNOW YOU'LL PULL THROUGH.
IT'LL ALL BE OKAY.

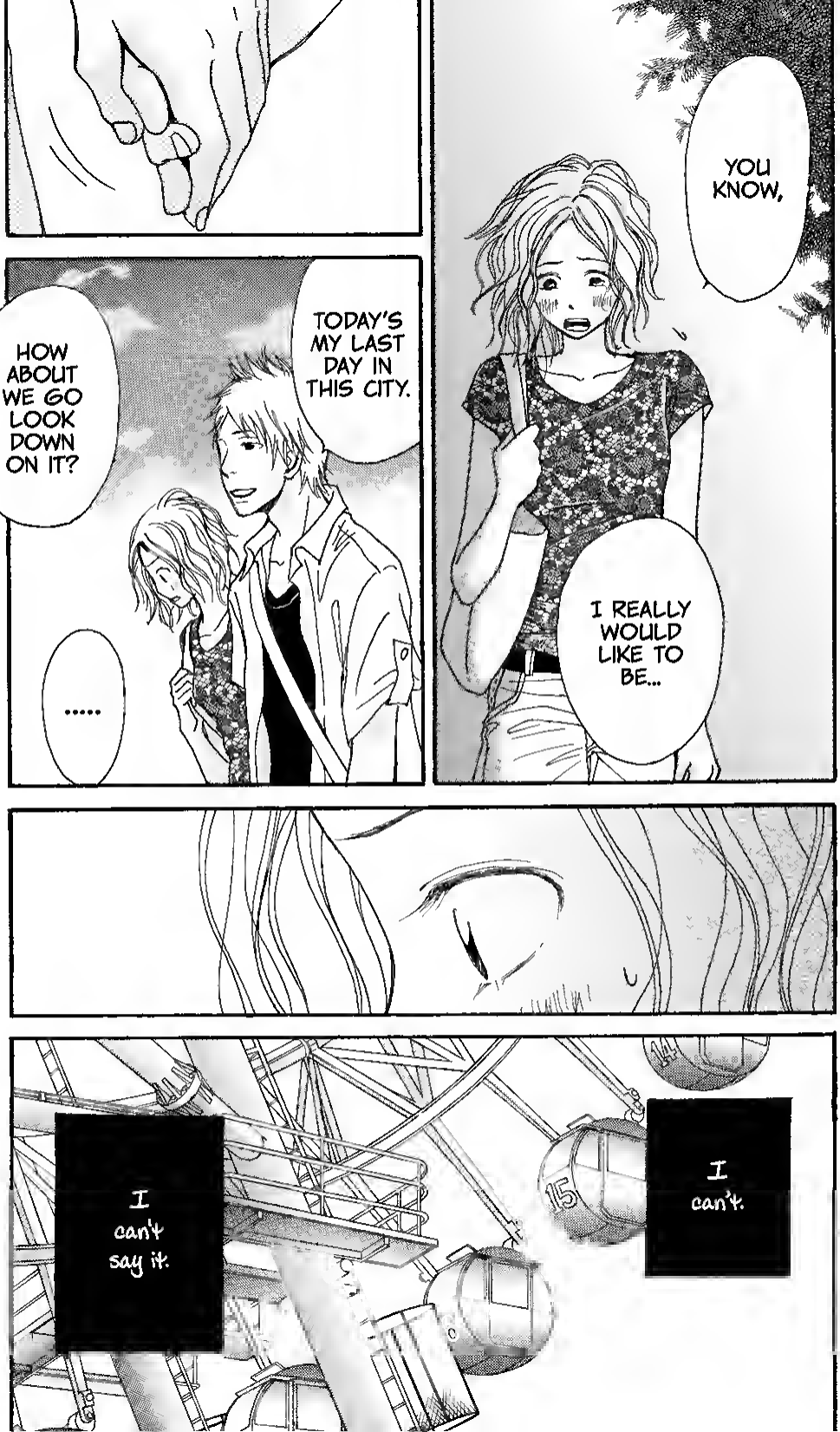
AFTER ALL,
I'M ROOT-ING FOR YOU.
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE,
I'LL ALWAYS BE ROOTING FOR YOU.


About to let him go.
I'm really...

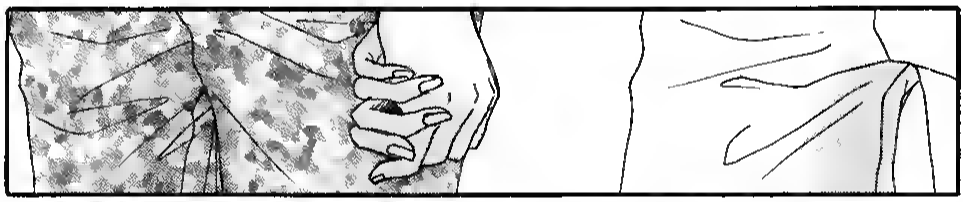

This man who holds me so close to his heart...

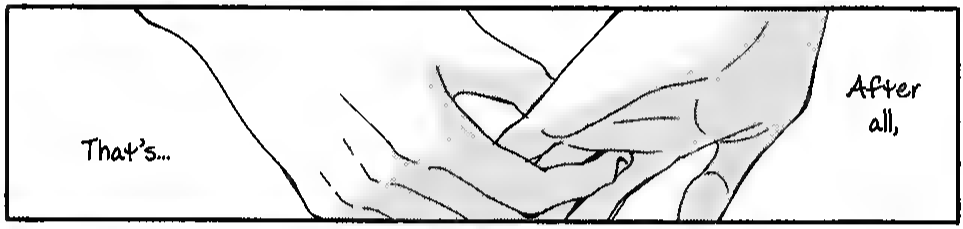
AH.


This man who said he wanted to build a family with me...
Soon now.
Far too soon.
KOU-TAROU...
YOU KNOW,
ACTUALLY, I...

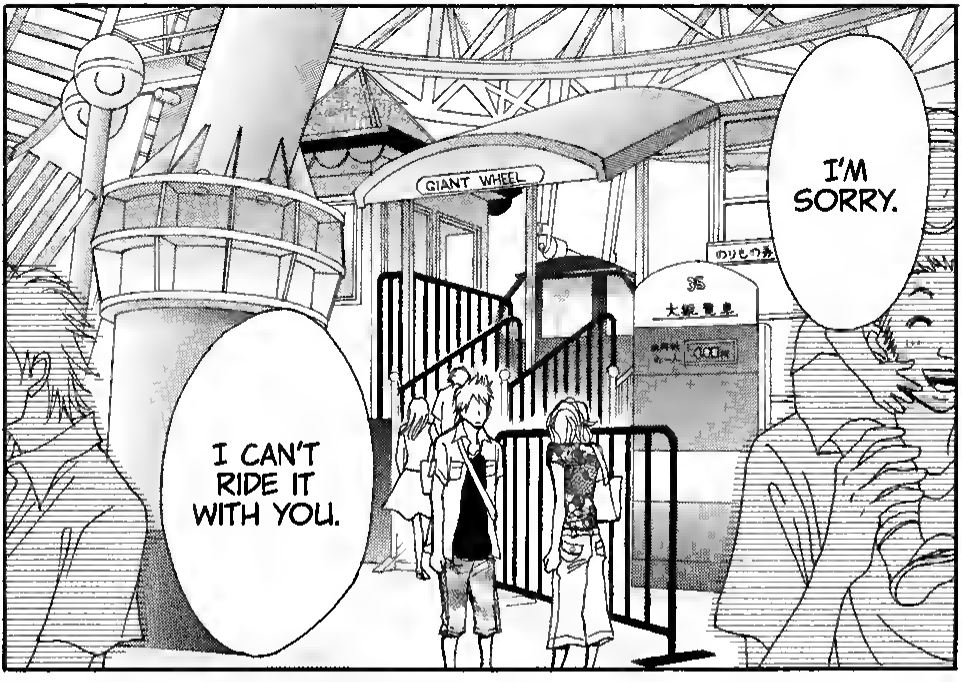

YOU KNOW,
I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO BE...
TODAY'S MY LAST DAY IN THIS CITY.
HOW ABOUT WE GO LOOK DOWN ON IT?
.....
I can't say it.
I can't.

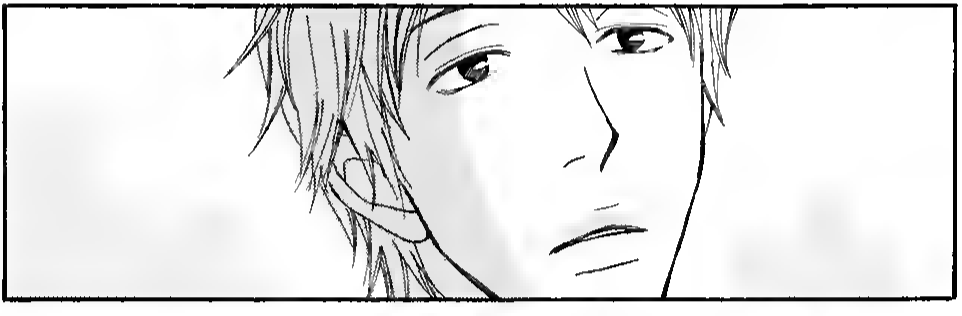
I can't do it.
"I want to build a family with you..."
"We'd have a few kids"
"And grow old together..."



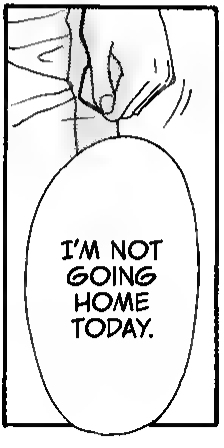

That's...
After all,

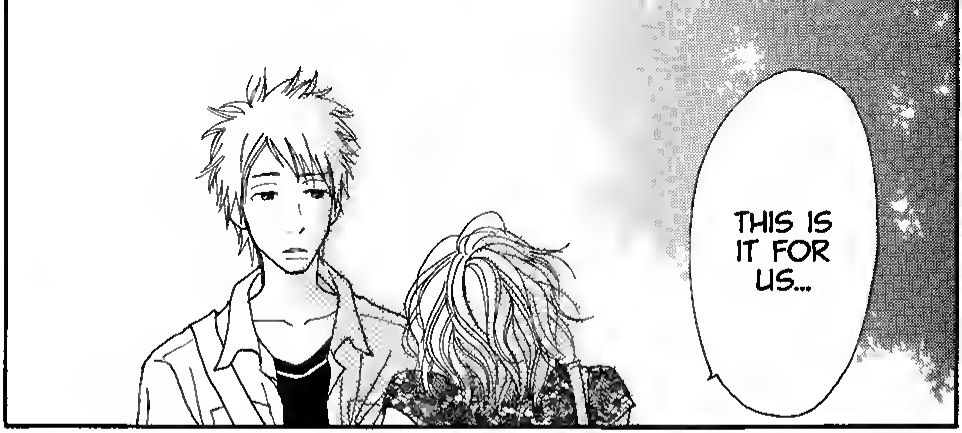
Not what I truly want right now.

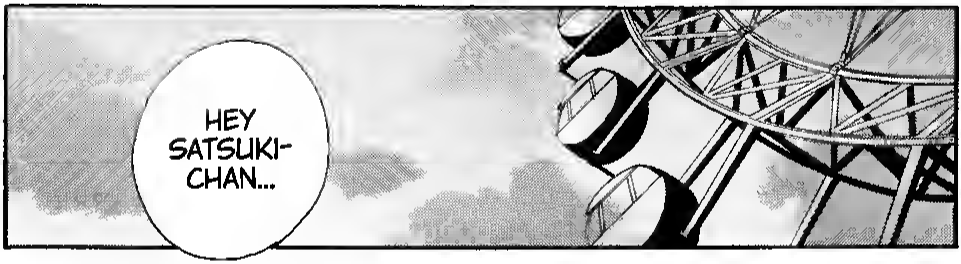

GIANT WHEEL
I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T RIDE IT WITH YOU.

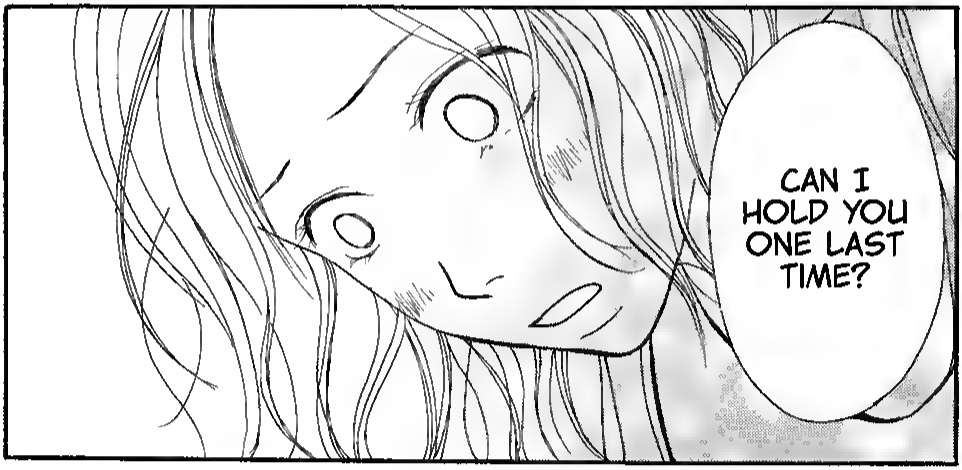


AND I'M NOT GOING TO SEE YOU OFF TOMORROW.

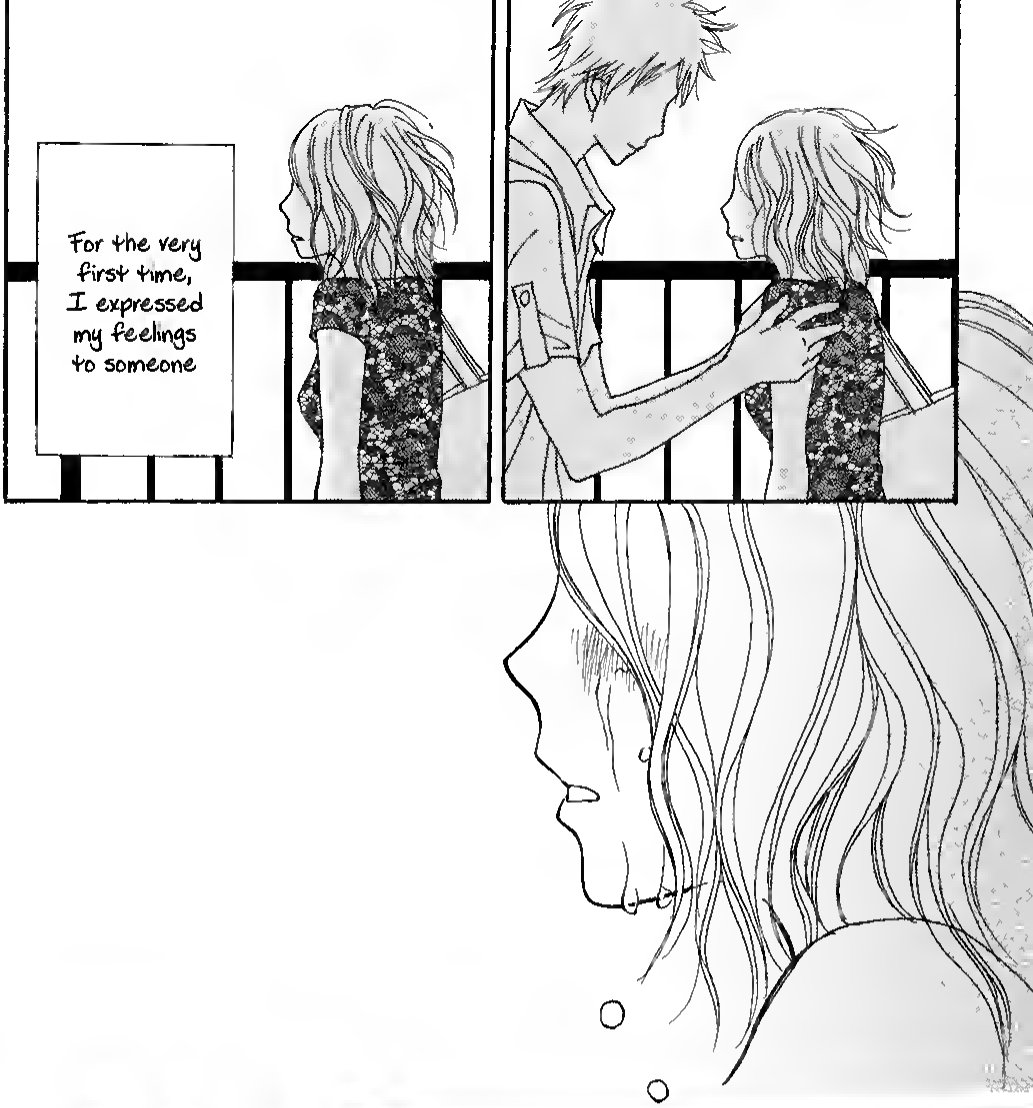

I'M NOT GOING HOME TODAY.

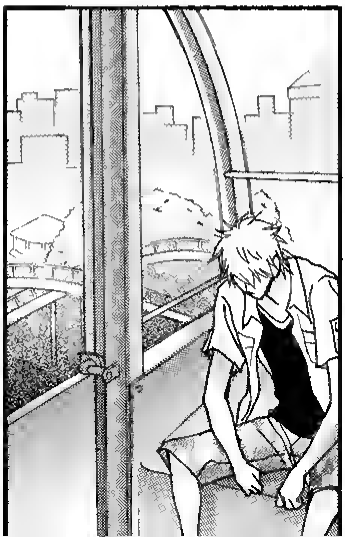

THIS IS IT FOR US...


HEY SATSUKI-CHAN...


CAN I HOLD YOU ONE LAST TIME?

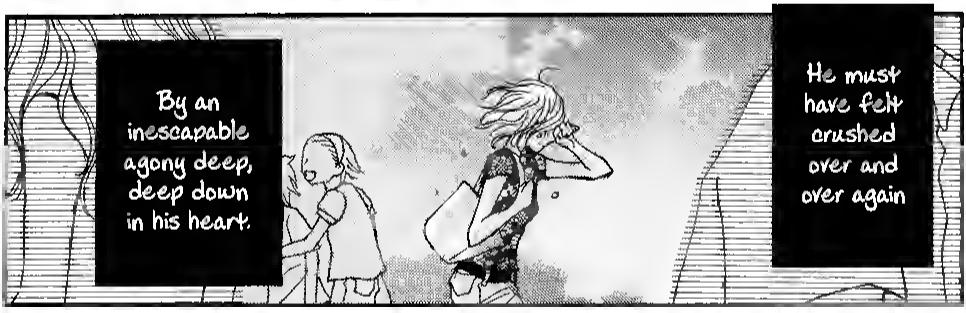
THANK YOU.





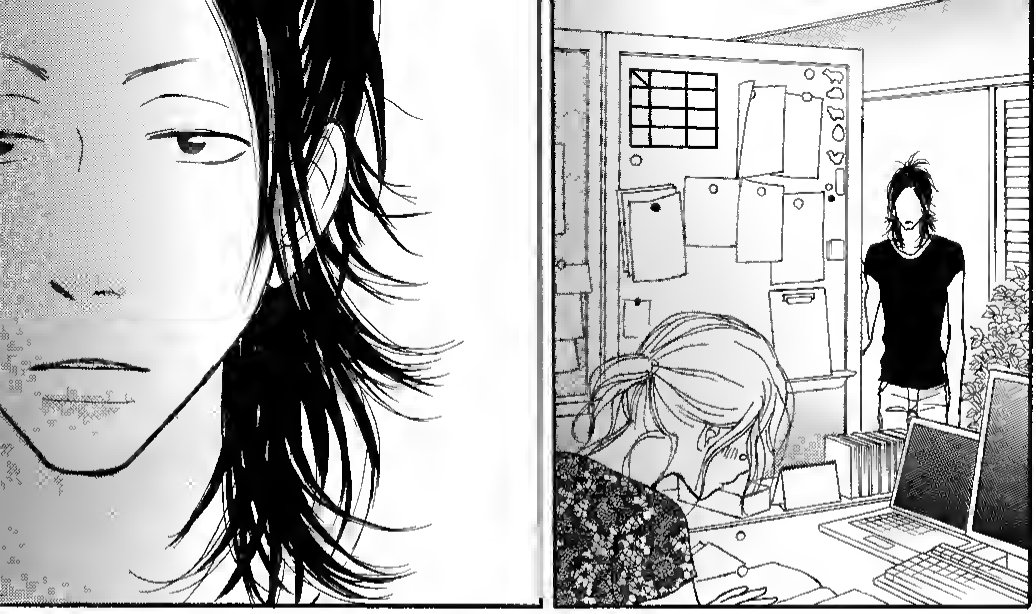
And broke up with him.

I'm sure


By an inescapable agony deep, deep down in his heart.
He must have felt crushed over and over again

Over, and over,
And over again.

"I know you'll pull through."
"It'll all be okay."
Yeah.
I will get through this.
Hey.
I'm grabbing my camera from the office now.
I'll overcome all of it. And I'll show you how.

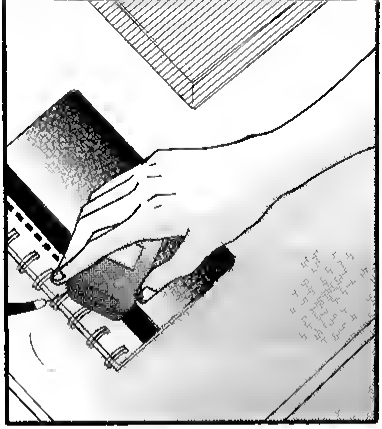


Hey Kotarou,

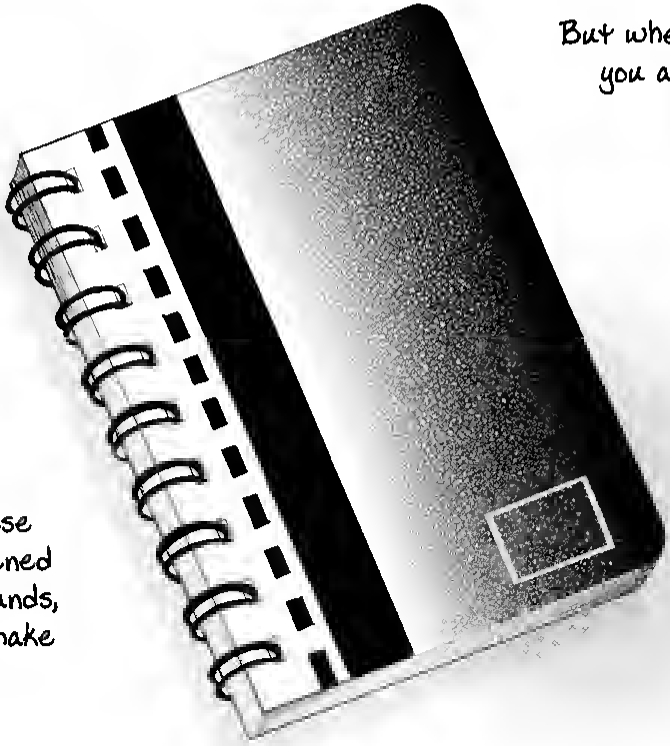
They approved my notebook proposal.
COMING RIGHT UP, SIR!
TAKE CARE OF THE FREIGHT, WILL YA?

It's still not something

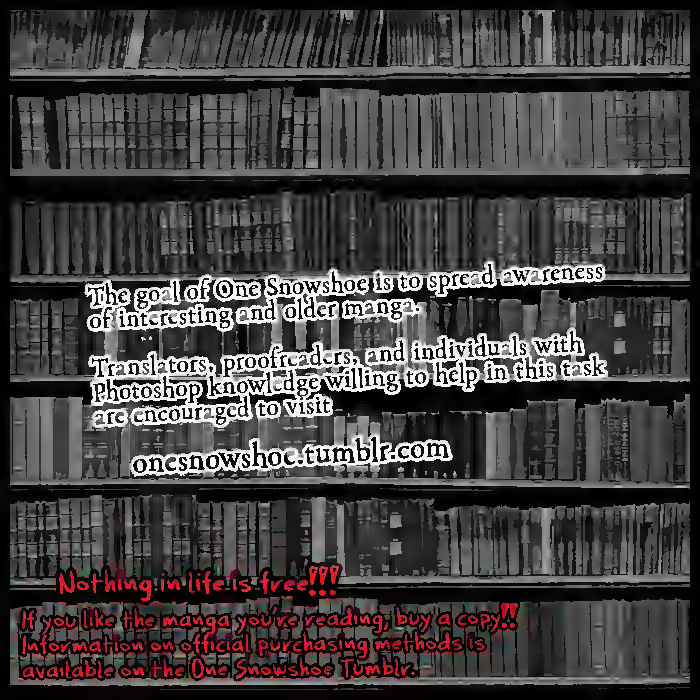
That quite feels like me yet.



But wherever you are,



If one of these notebooks happened to land in your hands, I think that'd make me happy.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